

# Satellite & NewSpace Industry Snapshot

## Shaping Europe’s Space Future: Sovereignty, Security & Servicing

January has seen a powerful mix of strategic funding, groundbreaking partnerships, and new capabilities shaping the Satellite & NewSpace industry. From Exotrail’s in-orbit servicing ambitions with CNES to LiveEO’s 3D satellite constellation and D-Orbit’s financial momentum, Europe is doubling down on innovation, autonomy and resilience. Our featured stories highlight how commercial, defence and government-led initiatives are converging to define the next phase of space development.

### Featured Articles

Our pick of featured articles from across the industry.



**Exotrail Expands spacevan™ In-Orbit Servicing for CNES**



**DroneShield and Intelic Team Up to Bolster European Drone Defence**



### Featured Episode

**Building CubeSpace: Challenges, Leadership and European Expansion**

### Featured companies in this issue:

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| Exotrail    | SWISSto12          |
| DroneShield | Quantum Systems    |
| Intelic     | Frontline Robotics |
| LiveEO      | D-Orbit            |

### Companies in Focus - Q3 2025

What companies are we most excited about in the Satellite & NewSpace industry.

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# Featured Articles



## Exotrail Expands spacevan™ In-Orbit Servicing for CNES

Exotrail has begun a Phase A study for CNES, advancing its spacevan™ platform toward in-orbit servicing missions with a focus on rendezvous and docking operations. Building on the operational success of spacevan™-001, the French company aims to launch a 2027 demonstration targeting satellite end-of-life management.

As Exotrail integrates RPO capabilities and fosters a European ecosystem, it is positioning itself as a leader in next-gen mobility and servicing.

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## DroneShield and Intelic Team Up to Bolster European Drone Defence

In response to fragmented and costly drone defence systems, Intelic and DroneShield have announced a modular, scalable, and interoperable counter-drone solution.

Combining DroneShield's detection and jamming tech with Intelic's Nexus software, the partnership provides a real-time unified air picture for military and civilian deployments.

This marks a critical step toward more affordable and agile drone defence infrastructure across Europe.

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# Industry News

## LiveEO Launches High-Resolution 3D Earth Observation Constellation

German firm LiveEO has unveiled its Twinspector satellite constellation in partnership with Reflex Aerospace to close Europe's gap in scalable, high-res EO data. Designed for infrastructure monitoring, it boasts in-orbit AI processing and vertical integration through a German supply chain.

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## SWISSto12 Secures €73M ESA Backing for HummingSat

SWISSto12 has now secured over €100 million in total funding, including a recent €73 million from ESA, to advance its compact and flexible HummingSat platform. The system will enable sovereign, agile communications from GEO, with launches planned for 2027.

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## Quantum Systems and Frontline Robotics Begin Drone Production in Europe

The German-Ukrainian joint venture, Quantum Frontline Industries, marks a milestone in European defence with its industrial-scale drone manufacturing line for Ukraine. This co-production supports NATO standards and merges battlefield-tested designs with German automation.

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## D-Orbit Secures \$128M in Series D Investment

D-Orbit has closed the first tranche of its Series D funding with \$128 million, fuelling orbital logistics infrastructure expansion and future acquisitions. The investment supports ambitions for a multi-orbit, interplanetary logistics network and strengthens its strategic position in Europe and beyond.


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# Featured Podcast



## Building CubeSpace: Challenges, Leadership and European Expansion - Ep 61 - Mike-Alec Kearney,

Join Millie Hall and Tom Wilding for an in-depth conversation with Mike-Alec Kearney, CEO and Co-Founder of CubeSpace, as he shares the story of building a globally recognised satellite subsystems company from university research.

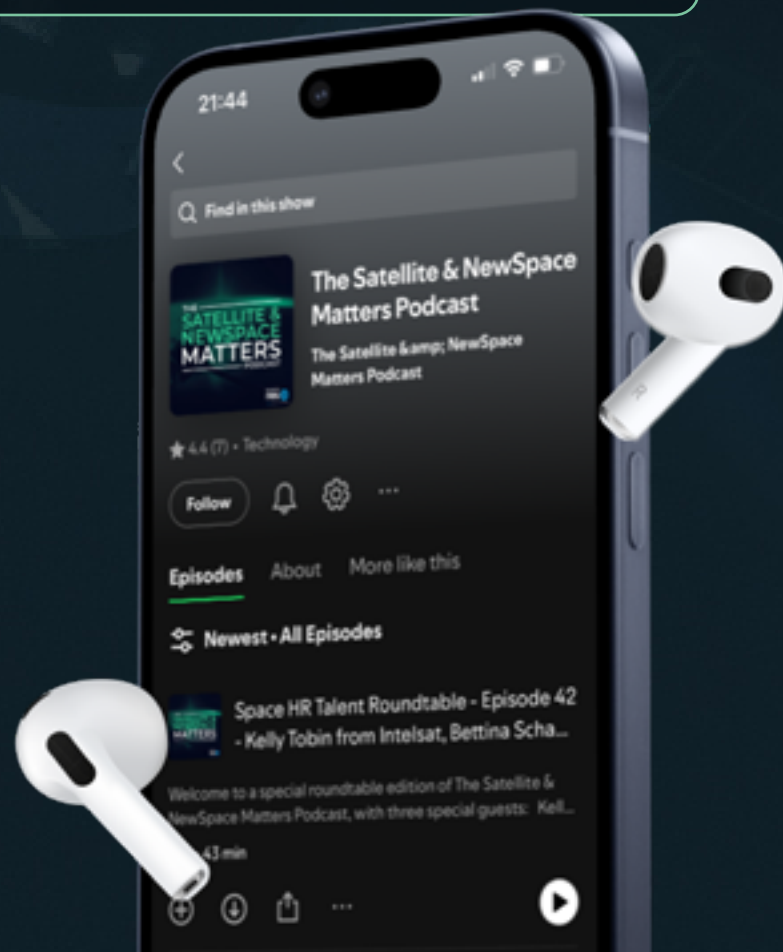
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